

AIDS in Children <13 Years of Age by Exposure Category Reported in 1999 and Cumulative, United States

<u>Exposure Category</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>Cumulative 1982-1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Perinatally acquired	232	88	7,943	91
Transfusion-associated	2	1	379	4
Hemophilia	3	1	235	3
<u>Other/not reported</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	263	100	8,718	100

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In 1999, 263 children were reported to CDC with AIDS, a marked decrease from 382 in 1998. Eighty-eight percent of these children acquired HIV infection perinatally, that is, from their mother during pregnancy. Since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, 8,718 children have been reported with AIDS. Again, the majority of these children (91%) were infected perinatally. Another 4 % acquired HIV from a blood or blood product transfusion, and 3% because of their hemophilia. Of the 2% of children with “other or not reported exposure”, 147 had an unidentified risk, 2 were exposed to HIV-infected blood in a household setting and 12 children had sexual contact with an adult with or at high risk for HIV infection. Nearly all newly infected children acquire HIV perinatally from their mothers.